

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION NEWS RELEASES

### I. PURPOSE

Annex D contains a listing of draft Emergency Information News Releases for use during emergencies at fixed nuclear facilities. These messages are to be transmitted immediately following the decision and concurrence of the State of North Carolina and the Counties of Cabarrus, Catawba, Iredell, Gaston, Lincoln and Mecklenburg, to activate the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The emergency information will be released to the media and to the public through the County EOC or the Joint Information Center (JIC). Copies of the prescribed news releases are maintained by each county that is within 10 miles of a fixed nuclear facility, as well as by the deployed JIC staff and the SERT Public Information Officer located in the State's EOC. The SERT PIO will ensure that the SERT Leader has access to the prescribed releases.

Once the Joint Information Center has been activated ALL official news releases and statements to the media will come only from the JIC.

### II. EMERGENCY INFORMATION NEWS RELEASES BY INDIVIDUAL EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATION LEVEL

#### A. ALERT

When an ALERT is declared, there are vital information messages to be given to the media and through them to the public. These news releases will NOT be preceded by a siren and EAS tone and message. The county EOC or the JIC may issue any of the following prescribed news releases. If at all possible, the JIC or County PIO staff will initiate a news briefing as quickly as possible after the declaration is made. Printed news releases will follow and will be distributed by the most effective means practical (in person at the Media Center, by facsimile machine, e-mail, etc).

Action	File Name	Subject
Alert Declared	Alert:	Alert declared, emergency response team members notified and en route to EOC's, situation poses no threat.
EOC Activated	EOC:	County EOC activated..

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**B. SITE AREA EMERGENCY**

When a SITE AREA EMERGENCY is declared, there are vital messages to be given to the media and through them to the public. These WILL be preceded by a siren and an EAS tone and message. The county EOC or the JIC will issue some or all of the following prescribed news releases. Initial releases (shown in **BOLD**) are normally the first ones to be released after a SITE AREA EMERGENCY has been declared and will be released as quickly as possible, but no later than 20 minutes following activation of EAS. If at all possible, the JIC staff will also initiate a news briefing within 20 minutes of EAS activation . Printed news releases will follow and will be distributed by the most effective means practical (in person at the Media Center, by facsimile machine, e-mail, etc.).

Action	File Name	Subject
<b>Site Area Emergency declared</b>	<b>Site:</b>	<b>Site Emergency declared due to worsening conditions on-site. .</b>
<b>General precautionary measures to be taken</b>	<b>Precauti:</b>	<b>Sirens sounded, EAS activated, fire, police, rescue and emergency personnel on stand-by, schools, hospitals, other institutions informed.</b>
<b>Closing of public parks/lakes</b>	<b>Parks:</b>	<b>Public parks/lakes closed as a precaution. Evacuate boaters/ hunters/campers as precaution.</b>
School Closing for shelter operations	Schools:	Schools being closed for use as reception centers. Students being sent home. List of school closings.
School Evacuations	Schools2:	List of schools which have been evacuated and where students have been taken.
Request for curtailing Business activity	Curtail:	As a precaution, businesses asked to close and public gatherings reduced. Civic meetings, night schools, recreational activities and other public events cancelled. Hospitals to reduce patient population. Highway Patrol sets up traffic control checkpoints.
Farm livestock precautions	Livestoc:	Livestock owners advised to take precautions. No immediate danger from radioactive material.

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Sheltering of farm livestock	Animals:	Farmers advised to remove farm animals to shelter, feed on stored feed and water and cover food and water supplies.
Dairy Farm Sampling	Samples:	Sampling teams dispatched to dairy farms to sample milk, feed, water and forage as a precaution. No off-site release.

**C. GENERAL EMERGENCY**

When a GENERAL EMERGENCY is declared, additional emergency information will need to be given to the media and through them to the public. These **WILL** be preceded by a siren and an EAS tone and message. The county EOC or the JIC will issue some or all of the following prescribed news releases. Initial releases (shown in **BOLD**) are normally the first ones to be released after a GENERAL EMERGENCY has been declared and will be released as quickly as possible, but no later than 20 minutes following EAS activation. If at all possible, the JIC staff will also initiate a news briefing within 20 minutes of EAS activation. Printed news releases will follow and will be distributed by the most effective means practical (in person at the Media Center, by facsimile machine, e-mail, etc.).

<b>Action</b>	<b>File Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>
<b>General Evacuation zone descriptions &amp; Reception Center Location</b>	<b>Zones:</b>	<b>Zone boundary descriptions with reception center locations.</b>
<b>Zone Evacuations</b>	<b>Evac:</b>	<b>Officials recommend evacuation of certain zones in the vicinity of the Plant.</b>
<b>Handicap Transportation</b>	<b>Handicap:</b>	<b>Advisory to handicapped persons about transportation.</b>
<b>Transportation pick-up points</b>	<b>Pick-Up:</b>	<b>Pick-up points available to people without transportation.</b>
Full Protective Measures Declaration	Protect:	Officials recommend all three types of protective action involving all residents in the 10-mile EPZ: all residents living within in X miles of the _____ Plant; limited evacuations as far as X miles from the plant; and sheltering indoors for all others.

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Shelter In-Doors	Indoors:	Certain zones recommended to shelter indoors.
Establishing Reception Centers	Shelters:	Officials announces reception centers established. Red Cross to staff reception centers. List of reception center locations.
Care of Pets during evacuation	Pets:	Advisory to pet owners on care and feeding of pets since they are not allowed in reception centers.
Sheltering of Farm Livestock	Sheltliv:	Livestock owners advised to move livestock to shelter, milk dairy cattle before evacuating, ventilate shelter, feed on stored food and water.
Feeding of Sheltered Farm Livestock	Farmers:	Farmers advised to keep livestock, dairy cattle and poultry under shelter and feed them on stored feed and water during period of evacuation.
Food processor contamination precautions	Food:	SERT notifies food processors and packagers in 50-mile radius to take precautions against contamination.
Resident food contamination precautions	Food2:	SERT advises residents in 50-mile radius to take measures to prevent contamination of food supplies.

**D. GENERAL INFORMATION**

1. Copies of the draft news releases have been distributed to emergency managers in Cabarrus, Catawba, Iredell, Gaston, Lincoln and Mecklenburg Counties; the State EOC, SERT, the National Weather Service Office and the McGuire Nuclear Power Station. It may be necessary to modify the release(s) to fit the particular condition of the incident at the plant. Additional releases may be required as the situation develops.
2. The State's Lead Public Information Officer may have additional pre-scripted emergency information news releases specific to state actions only, which therefore have not been included in this Annex.